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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED DRAFT FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE  
AT DINNER IN HONOR OF MARGARET THATCHER

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FOR EUR/NE - MR. WORREL

1. IN FOLLOWING PARA IS SUGGESTED DRAFT TEXT FOR VICE  
PRESIDENT TO USE IN RESPONDING TO TOAST BY AMBASSADOR  
RAMSBOTTOM AT DINNER SEPTEMBER 18 IN HONOR OF CONSERVATIVE  
LEADER, MARGARET THATCHER.

2. BEGIN DRAFT TEXT:

MR. AMBASSADOR, MRS. THATCHER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS EVENING AS  
GUEST OF AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTTOM, THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTA-  
TIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. I AM  
ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE PRESENT THIS EVENING BECAUSE OF  
ANOTHER UK REPRESENTATIVE IN OUR MIDST, THE LEADER OF THE  
CONSERVATIVE PARTY, MARGARET THATCHER.

MRS. THATCHER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IS A FUR-  
THER ILLUSTRATION OF THE STRONG TIES STRETCHING BETWEEN  
MY COUNTRY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.  
THESE TIES DO NOT BECOME LESS EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF  
ELECTIONS AT EITHER END, AND WE AMERICANS PRIDE OURSELVES  
ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF AND ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH  
LEADING POLITICIANS IN ALL MAJOR BRITISH POLITICAL

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PARTIES. IN THIS RESPECT. I'M SURE OUR FEELINGS ARE RE-

CIPROCATED ON THE BRITISH SIDE VIS-A-VIS THE AMERICAN  
POLITICAL PARTIES.

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE AS ITS  
REPRESENTATIVE AND LEADER MRS. THATCHER WHO HAS ADDED  
FEMININE MYSTIQUE TO THE REALM OF MALE CHAUVINIST  
POLITICS (I IMAGINE YOU THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO SAY  
ANOTHER WORD ALSO BEGINNING WITH "P").

IN SELF-DEFENSE I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT MRS.  
THATCHER WAS ELECTED LEADER OF HER PARTY BECAUSE OF A  
COMBINATION OF ABILITY, HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND PER-  
FORMANCE IN AN EXACTING CAREER AND NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF  
HER FEMININITY. THEREFORE, ON HER FIRST VISIT TO THE  
UNITED STATES AS LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WHICH  
I AM SURE WILL NOT BE HER LAST, I WISH TO EXTEND TO HER  
CONGRATULATIONS AND WARM GOOD WISHES OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE. IF ONE CAN IMAGINE THE SITUATION OF HISTORY  
CHANGED, 1776 MIGHT NEVER HAVE HAPPENED BETWEEN HER  
COUNTRY AND MINE HAD MRS. THATCHER BEEN ABLE TO VISIT THE  
UNITED STATES THEN KNOWN AS THE COLONIES IN 1775.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE QUEEN.

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